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Attorney Docket No. 05999.0167-00  
CUSTOMER NUMBER 22,852

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Inventor: <b>Paolo MARELLI et.</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 1732
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Serial No.: 09/892,464	)	Examiner: Mathieu D. Vargot
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Filed: June 28, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL	)	
FIBRE CABLE AND CABLE SO	)	
MANUFACTURED	)	

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated February 18, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for producing a tube containing an optical fiber, classified in class 264, subclass 1.28; Group II, Claim 27, drawn to a tube with an optical fiber therein, classified in class 385, subclass 109; and Group III, Claims 28-31, drawn to an apparatus for making a tube containing an optical fiber, classified in class 425, subclass 113.


Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for producing a tube containing an optical fiber, classified in class 264, subclass 1.28.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and  
charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 11, 2004

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